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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO Form-1449.

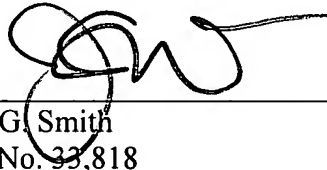
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Respectfully submitted,

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